## **MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No.11(A) (25)

TO:

Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

October 2, 2012

FROM:

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.

County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** 

Resolution directing the

Mayor to take all necessary actions to implement the 401(a)

plan recommended in his

July 3, 2012 Report

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Joe A. Martinez.

R.A. Cuevas, Jr.

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	"3-Day Rule" for committees applicable i	f raised	
Part.	6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing		
<u> </u>	4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing		
<del>},</del>	Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget		
	Budget required		
	Statement of fiscal impact required		
	Ordinance creating a new board requires report for public hearing	detailed Cour	nty Manager's
<u>/</u>	No committee review		
,	Applicable legislation requires more than 3/5's, unanimous) to approve	a majority vo	te (i.e., 2/3's,
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Approved	Mayor	Agenda Item No. 11(A)(25)
Veto		10-2-12
Override		
	RESOLUTION NO.	

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE 401(a) PLAN HIS 2012, REPORT RECOMMENDED IN JULY 3, **INCLUDING ISSUING** SOLICITATION **FOR** COMPETITIVE SELECTION PROCESS WITHIN 60 DAYS TO COUNTY **PROVIDE EMPLOYEES** WITH OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A 401(a) PLAN FOR TERMINAL LEAVE PAYOUTS

WHEREAS, County employees that separate from County service receive a payout of accrued sick and annual leave as a lump sum which may create significant federal tax liability for employees in the year they separate from County service; and

WHEREAS, it appears that there are companies that provide plans for the payout of accrued sick and annual leave that convert accumulated leave to either a tax qualified retirement plan or a post retirement medical trust that will benefit separating employees by deferring taxes or receiving the funds tax free in the case of the medical trust; which will benefit separating employees at no extra cost to the County; and

WHEREAS, in light of the significant wage concessions made by County employees over the last few years, it is in the best interest of the County to mitigate such economic hardship on employees especially if it comes at no additional cost to the County; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2012, this Board adopted Resolution R-250-12 directing the Mayor to evaluate options for plans that minimize federal tax liability of separating County employees as a result of terminal leave payouts; and

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2012, in response to the R-250-12, the Mayor issued a report that included the recommendation from the County's consultant, Gallagher Benefits Services, Inc., that the best type of plan for terminal leave payouts was a Medical Trust Plan and 401(a) plan,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the Mayor is hereby directed to take all necessary actions to implement the Medical Trust Plan and 401(a) plan recommended in his July 3, 2012, report including issuing a solicitation for a competitive selection process within 60 days to provide County employees with the opportunity to participate in a Medical Trust Plan and 401(a) plan for terminal leave payouts.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Joe A. Martinez. It was , who moved its adoption. The motion was offered by Commissioner seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

> Joe A. Martinez, Chairman Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman

Bruno A. Barreiro

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.

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Rebeca Sosa Xavier L. Suarez Lynda Bell

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2012. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

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Eric A. Rodriguez